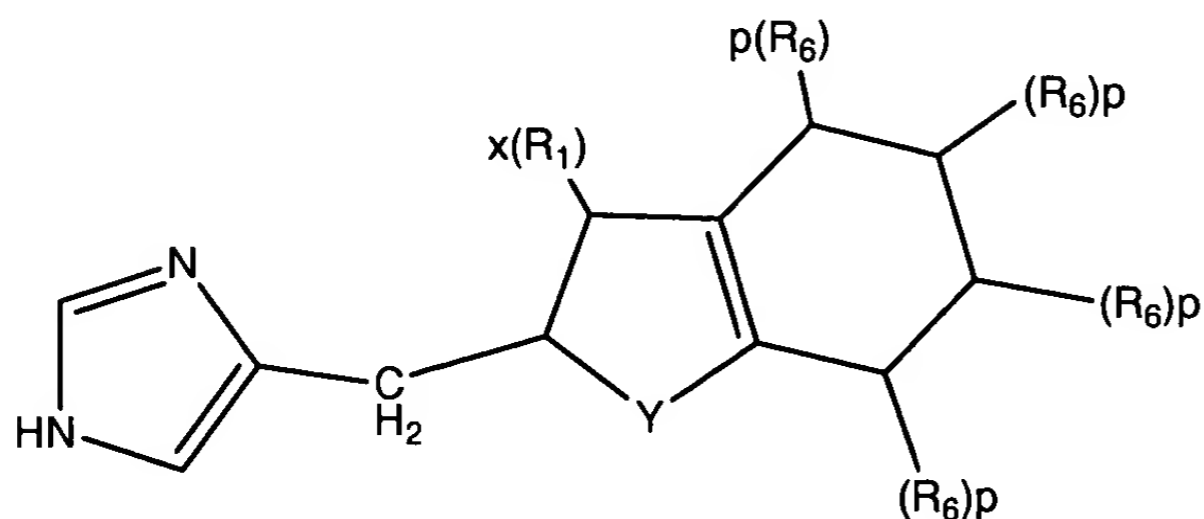


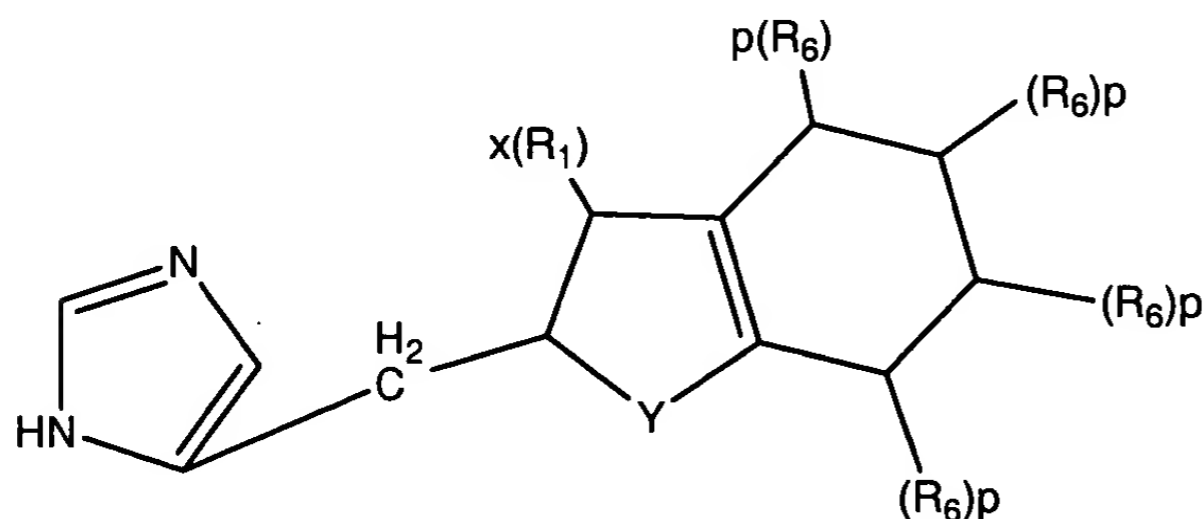
STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-108 – Cancelled

109. (New) A compound selected from the group consisting of



and



wherein R₁ is independently selected from the group consisting of H; halogen; C₁₋₄ alkyl; C₁₋₄ alkenyl; C₁₋₄ alkynyl; --COR₄ where R₄ is H, C₁₋₄ alkyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy; C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl; aryl; cyano; nitro; trihalomethyl; oxo; or -(CH₂)_n-X-(CH₂)_m-(R₅)_o -- where X is O, S or N, n is 0-3, m is 0-3, o is 0-1, and R₅ is methyl or H₁₋₂, each R₆ is independent selected from the group consisting of H; halogen; C₁₋₄ alkyl; C₁₋₄ alkenyl; C₁₋₄ alkynyl; --COR₄ where R₄ is H, C₁₋₄ alkyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy; C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl; aryl; cyano; nitro;

trihalomethyl and oxo wherein each p is independently 1 or 2 and Y is $--(C(R_7)_z)_2--$, wherein R_7 is independently defined identically to R_1 and z is independently 1 or 2, said compound further having selective agonist activity at the $\alpha 2B$ or $\alpha 2B/\alpha 2C$ adrenergic receptor subtype(s) over the $\alpha 2A$ adrenergic receptor subtype, and all pharmacologically acceptable salts, esters, stereoisomers and racemic mixtures thereof.

110. (New) The compound of claim 109 wherein Y is CH_2-CH_2 .
111. (New) The compound of claim 109 wherein R_1 , R_6 and R_7 are independently H; halogen; C_{1-4} alkyl; C_{1-4} alkenyl; or C_{1-4} alkynyl.
112. (New) The compound of claim 109 wherein Y is CH_2-CH_2 and R_1 , R_6 and R_7 are independently H; halogen; C_{1-4} alkyl; C_{1-4} alkenyl; or C_{1-4} alkynyl.
113. (New) The compound of claim 112 wherein R_1 is H and x is 2.
114. (New) The compound of claim 112 wherein at least one R_6 is H.
115. (New) The compound of claim 114 wherein at least two R_6 are H.
116. (New) The compound of claim 115 wherein at least three R_6 are H.
117. (New) The compound of claim 116 wherein at least six R_6 are H.
118. (New) The compound of claim 116 wherein eight R_6 are H.
119. (New) The compound of claim 111 wherein R_1 is H and x is 2.
120. (New) The compound of claim 119 wherein at least one R_6 is H.

121. (New) The compound of claim 120 wherein at least two R_6 are H.
122. (New) The compound of claim 121 wherein at least three R_6 are H.
123. (New) The compound of claim 122 wherein at least six R_6 are H.
124. (New) The compound of claim 123 wherein eight R_6 are H.
125. (New) The compound of claim 124 in which R_1 is H and x is 2.
126. (New) The compound of claim 125 in which Y is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$.